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ACTION: Embassy, GUATEMALA 127

Deliver following message to President Ydigoras from the President. Advise date time delivery.

QUOTE

Dear Mr. President:

I am gratified to receive your expressions of firm support and encouragement in your message of October 29. You and your Government can be justly proud to be part of the solid and united front presented to the world by the countries in this Hemisphere, which has given incalculable strength to the cause of peace.

As you have requested, I will shortly receive Ambassador Alejos in order that he may convey to me your message on the Cuban problem.

Sincerely,

John F. Kennedy

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White House prefers no publication exchange of communications and request you convey this preference. If Ydigoras wishes publish, notify Department twenty-four hours in advance if possible to permit consideration of simultaneous release by White House.

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